

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

3 INVENTORSHIP John V. BADDING et al.
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DECLARATION OF JOINT INVENTORS
FOR PATENT APPLICATION CLAIMING
PRIORITY ON PRIOR FILED FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

As a below named joint inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent application is sought on the invention entitled: SYNTHESIS OF GERMANIUM SULPHIDE AND RELATED COMPOUNDS, for which U.S. National Stage Patent Application Serial No. 10/575,199 (from PCT Patent Application No. PCT/GB2004/004293) was filed on April 10, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 371.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof.

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This application discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier filed, co-pending Patent Cooperation Treaty (“PCT”) application serial number PCT/GB2004/004293, filed 8 October 2004, and which names the United States of America as a designated country. PCT application number PCT/GB2004/004293 in turn claims priority to United Kingdom (Great Britain) Patent Application Serial Number GB0323805.2, filed in The United Kingdom on 10 October 2003.

CLAIM TO PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC § 119, 120, 363 & 365(C):

I hereby claim the benefit of priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119, 120, 363, and/or 365(c), to any United States patent application, or any national application(s), or any international application(s) filed under Title 35, United States Code, § 363 which designates the United States, listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior patent application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Titled 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national filing date of this application:

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As to the subject matter of this application, which is common to said earlier application(s), I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application;

The common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of any inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application; and

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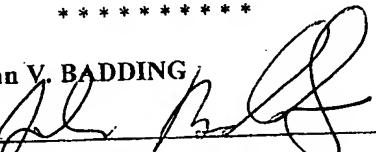
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY OF ASSIGNEE AND DESIGNATION OF
DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE**

The undersigned, being the assignee of the full right, title and interest in the invention titled "**SYNTHESIS OF GERMANIUM SULPHIDE AND RELATED COMPOUNDS**", for which a United States patent application was filed on April 10, 2006 as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/575,199, hereby appoints the following attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and further to act as Applicant's Domestic Representative with respect to the indicated patent application, and any patents which may issue therefrom:

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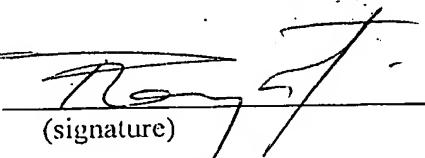
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